

Beekeeping Courses in Arkansas

Every year, beekeeping courses are offered by the Plant Board. These courses move around the state as demand presents itself. In order to have a class in your area a reasonable number of participants will need to be assured. If you think your group or area could support a class, please contact the Apiary Section of the Plant Board to make arrangements. Otherwise, call the office to find out when and where the next courses will be offered.

The cost of the classes is calculated to cover the expenses that can involve a beekeeping book.

Most courses are made up of 4- three hour evenings over the period of a months time.

While some more advanced techniques of beekeeping is included, these classes are mostly gauged for the beginning or learning beekeeper. Topics that are covered include:

- Getting started
- Equipment and materials
- Bee and colony behavior
- Spring and summer management
- Diseases and pests
- Honey plants and pollination
- Honey management
- Other hive products
- Winter preparation and the business side of beekeeping

At an appropriate time, field trips are often arranged to demonstrate various aspects that are covered in the classes and have included:

- Starting a colony
- Replacing queens
- Controlling swarms
- Making splits
- Inspecting and treating for diseases and pests
- Facilitating honey production
- Harvesting and extracting honey